

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City of Eugene, Oregon
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: For millennia, individuals have wanted the spoken word translated into text to record history and, to accomplish this task, have relied on scribes; and

WHEREAS: The profession of scribe was born with the rise of civilization; and

WHEREAS: In Ancient Egypt, scribes were considered to be the literate elite, recording laws and other important documents and, since that time, have served as impartial witnesses to history; and

WHEREAS: Scribes were present when our Nation's founding fathers drafted the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS: President Lincoln entrusted scribes to record the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS: Since the advent of shorthand machines, scribes have been known as court reporters and have played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across our country; and

WHEREAS: Court reporters and captioners are responsible for the closed-captioning seen scrolling across television screens, at sporting stadiums and in other community and educational settings, bringing information to millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing Americans every day; and

WHEREAS: Court reporters and captioners translate the spoken work into text and preserve our history; and

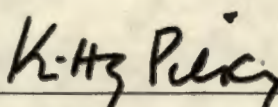
WHEREAS: Whether called the scribes of yesterday or the court reporters and captioners of today, the individuals who preserve our nation's history are truly the guardians of the record,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kitty Piercy, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon do hereby proclaim the week of February 16 – 24, 2014, as

“Oregon Court Reporting and Captioning Week”

and encourage all citizens to observe the week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and educational activities.





Kitty Piercy, Mayor
February 16, 2014